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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

The present application was allowed on July 31, 2006. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's efforts in connection with the present application. Comments that accompanied the Notice of Allowability (pages 2-3) under the heading "Allowable Subject Matter" stated.

The prior art made of record fail to teach facilitation delivery of traffic messages indicating a traffic condition on a road network in a geographic region comprising, among other limitations, associating the messages with a broadcast service area code identifying a service area in which the condition is located; provision of a plurality of predefined service areas, wherein one of the broadcast service areas is a portion of the geographic region not defined by a transmission area of a single broadcast equipment; and an end platform receiving and identifying the messages having the service area code matching at least one predetermined broadcast service area code; the traffic message further comprising a location reference code, an event code of the condition, and a broadcast service area code.

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Applicants note that each of the independent Claims 1, 19 and 27 do not recite all of the above-listed claim elements from the "Allowable Subject Matter" paragraph. Accordingly, Applicant submits that each of these limitations should not be used to construe allowed independent Claims 1, 19 and 27 of the present application.

Applicant notes that independent Claims 1 and 27 do not recite the phrases of "the traffic message further comprising a location reference code, an event code of the condition, and a broadcast service area code." Accordingly, Applicant submits that these phrases should not be used to construe allowed independent Claims 1 and 27 of the present application.

Applicant notes that independent Claim 27 does not recite the phrases of "an end platform receiving and identifying the messages having the service area code matching at least one predetermined broadcast service area code." Accordingly, Applicant submits that these phrases should not be used to construe allowed independent Claim 27 of the present application.

Applicant notes that independent Claim 19 does not recite the phrases of "facilitation delivery of traffic messages . . ., associating the messages with a broadcast service area code identifying a service area in which the condition is located; provision of a plurality of predefined convice areas, wherein one of the broadcast service areas is a portion of the geographic region not defined by a transmission area of a single broadcast equipment; and an end platform receiving and identifying the messages having the service area code matching at least one predetermined broadcast service area code." Accordingly, Applicant submits that these phrases should not be used to construe allowed independent Claim 19 of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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